

**As Adopted by the House**

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**H. R. No. 231**

**Representative Miller, M.**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Sugargrove Farm  
on its Bicentennial.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th 1  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Sugargrove Farm 2  
on the auspicious occasion of its Two Hundredth Anniversary; and 3

WHEREAS, This prestigious milestone is a fitting time to pay 4  
tribute to Sugargrove Farm. After Benjamin Brubaker purchased five 5  
farms between 1823 and 1825, his son, Peter, settled on one of them, 6  
buying it from his father in 1828 and naming it Sugargrove Farm, and 7  
today the sixth generation of the family farms the property, adding 8  
Christmas trees and establishing the business known as Sugargrove Tree 9  
Farm; and 10

WHEREAS, For two centuries, Sugargrove Farm has been in 11  
continuous ownership by the same family, and it was recognized by the 12  
Ohio Department of Agriculture as a Century Farm in 2000. This fine 13  
operation has become known for its dedication to maintaining the 14  
highest ideals of agricultural stewardship, and it has earned the 15  
respect and appreciation of the entire community; and 16

WHEREAS, At a time of increasing urbanization, when many are 17  
forced to rely on the services of a few to survive, farmers have 18  
shouldered the responsibility of feeding the world's population with 19  
competence and efficiency. As farmers' efforts are all too often 20  
overlooked, it is appropriate that we applaud those who have had a 21  
positive impact on Ohio's agricultural community, including the 22  
members of the Brubaker and Rafeld families as well as everyone 23  
affiliated with Sugargrove Farm; therefore be it 24

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 25

the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 26  
commend Sugargrove Farm on its Bicentennial and extend best wishes for 27  
the future; and be it further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 29  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Sugargrove Farm. 30